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Flagler Executive Airport runway project halfway complete – requiring restricted use, temporary closure in the coming days

February 24, 2021 – Work on an $8.75 million project funded entirely by grants to refurbish Runway 6-24 at the Flagler Executive Airport is progressing well, and is at the point of the project where temporary restrictions and closures are required as critical infrastructure is under construction.

This work will be completed between March 2 and March 15, weather permitting.

“This critical phase includes the contractor completing its rehabilitation of the existing Runway 6-24 pavement section, and the airfield electrical components within the existing Runway 11-29 safety area,” said Airport Director Roy Sieger. “Because of the scope of the work – and the close proximity to the edge of the Runway 11-29 pavement – operations on Runway 11-29 will be restricted. This will allow for safe completion of the work and the paving operations, as well as maintain safe access to Runway 11-29 for the tenants and the flying community.”

The current project includes rehabilitating the entire runway pavement – a length of 5,000 feet and a width of 100 feet – the addition of new Medium Intensity Runway Lights (MIRLs), Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs), and an aircraft run-up area. Additionally, a new airfield electrical vault will be constructed as well.

The Federal Aviation Administration grant is for $6.77 million, and the Florida Department of Transportation grant is for $1.98 million.

All flights have been using Runway 11-29 over the course of the 250 construction days Halifax Paving has to complete the project.

“There will be a couple of times during the project that the airport will have to be completely closed to tie-in the pavement where the runways intersect, and we are entering into one of them,” Sieger said. “This mostly impacts Airport tenants and the flying community, but I wanted to let our residents know what is happening with this project.”

Pilots with questions should call 386-313-4220.
Flagler Executive Airport was originally constructed in 1942 as an outlying military airfield for Naval Air Station Jacksonville. It operates as an enterprise fund, which means that everything from changing light bulbs to salaries to capital projects come from revenues from grants, or earned through ground and building leases and fuel sales. Property taxes are not utilized to support the airport.

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